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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --
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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on _____.
- 2a) This action is **FINAL**. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-25 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 1-8, 10-21 and 25 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) 9-11 and 22-24 is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
 Paper No(s)/Mail Date 01/2004.
- 4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)
 Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____.
- 5) Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Objections

Claims 1, 19, 20 and 22 are objected to because of the following informalities:

The claim 1, the phrase "particularly" renders the claim indefinite because it is unclear whether the limitations following the phrase are part of the claimed invention. See MPEP § 2173.05(d). Also, in line 5, the last word "interfac" is missing letter "e".

In claim 20, a period is missing at the end of the claim.

In claims 19 and 22, SPE and LPE regrowths (solid and liquid phase epitaxial regrowths) should be spelled out at least once.

Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 1-8, 12-20, 25 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by M. Orlowski, "New Model for Dopant Redistribution at Interfaces" (Applied Physics Lett., vol. 55, No. 17, October 1989). The article discloses a computer simulation method for dopant redistribution at interfaces by calculating local evolution of a changing interface (a third phase) between two neighboring phases. See the entire article. The method determines the distribution of the particles at a certain time, determines the distribution of the particles at a steady state

position of the phase interface. The model defines the medium as having a phase interface, which is described by a discontinuous transition between the two phases. The method performed on the basis of a model wherein the medium is described by a data field having a first value for the first phase and a second value for the second phase. The evolution of said data field is calculated by a differential equation.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 9-11, 22-24 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter: the prior art of record taken along or in combination, fails to disclose or render obvious said movement of the particles is calculated by a Monte Carlo type simulation of discrete particle hopping, where the hopping probability of a particle depends on the potential energy of the initial and the final particle position of the hopping event, and where the potential energy of the particle depends on the material phase, in combination with the rest of the limitations of claim 1.

Conclusion

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Kumashito teaches a computer simulation method of impurity with pileup phenomenon. Borden et al (US 6,483,594) disclose a method for determining the active dopant profile.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to L. G. Lauchman whose telephone number is (571) 272-2418. The examiner's normal work schedule is 8:00am to 4:30pm (EST), Monday through Friday. If attempts to reach examiner by the telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor Gregory J. Toatley, Jr. can be reached on (571) 272-2059, ext. 77.

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Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application should be directed to the TC receptionist whose telephone number is (571) 272-1562.



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